

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to control the location and number of freeway median crossovers.

Policy

Freeway median crossovers will be allowed according to the following criteria:

1. Maintenance turn-arounds at interchanges where removal of snow and ice would be significantly facilitated.
2. Official and/or emergency turn-arounds.
 - a. Near mid-point where interchanges are 3 to 6 miles apart.
 - b. At approximately 3 mile intervals where interchange spacing is greater than 6 miles.
3. Double crossovers (overlapping) at maintenance station, region, or district boundaries.
4. Those crossovers approved as exceptions to the above by the Engineer for Operations.

The Traffic and Safety Division will maintain a list of authorized median crossover locations.

Background

The Utah Department of Transportation constructs and maintains freeway median crossovers (turn-arounds) to facilitate highway maintenance operations. Use of these crossovers by unauthorized vehicles creates a potential safety hazard. In order to minimize this hazard, the Department will control the number of freeway median crossovers.

Procedures

Change In Authorized Freeway Median Crossovers

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Responsibility: Region Director

Actions

1. Submits a request, including justification, for a change in the number and/or location of freeway median crossovers to the Engineer for Traffic and Safety.

Responsibility: Engineer for Traffic and Safety

2. Performs analysis of request and develops a recommendation relative to the request.
3. Submits Region request together with recommendation to the Engineer for Operations.

Responsibility: Engineer for Operations

4. Approves or disapproves request and transmits decision to the Engineer for Traffic and Safety.

Responsibility: Engineer for Traffic and Safety

5. Passes decision of Engineer for Operations to the appropriate Region Director. If the request is approved, the Region Director is requested to take the necessary action to complete the approved work.